

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**December 21, 2022**

**AGENDA ITEM # 1**

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
(1:00 p.m.)

Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman  
Clifford B. Shealy, Vice President/Vice Chairman  
J. Allan Risinger, Treasurer  
Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary  
J. Carey Bedenbaugh, Jr.  
Eddie C. Best, Jr.  
Kenneth E. Lindler  
Alan R. Lunsford  
Justin B. Watts

**STAFF PRESENT:**

B. Robert "Bob" Paulling, President and CEO  
Theresa D. Crepes, VP, Finance and Accounting  
Robert A. Wilbur, VP, Operations  
Lee H. Ayers, VP, Engineering  
Troy A. Simpson, VP, Member Services  
Steven Davidson, VP, Information Technology  
Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** J. David Black

**INVOCATION:** Bob Paulling

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA ITEM # 2**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Sox called the meeting to order, and then asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on November 22, 2022. There were no corrections to these minutes, and Mr. Lunsford made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Risinger and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 1**

### **AGENDA ITEM # 3**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 4**

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:**

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING:** Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Crepes for the Finance and Accounting report. Mrs. Crepes reported the year-to-date revenue was \$131,319,467, which is \$431,908 below budget at the end of November. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$76,302,588, which is over budget by \$756,634. The year-to-date margins were \$10,250,195, which is \$168,969 above budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 25.18% at the end of November for an increase of 0.14%. The deferred credits account balance changed by -\$1,067,597, and the ending balance was \$5,776,634.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 990 kWh in November. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$131.39 (account charge \$28.50) compared to Dominion's \$130.54 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$129.84 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$133.12 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 17,928 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,072.90 (account charge \$346.75) compared to Dominion's \$2,151.09 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,022.26 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,038.80 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$2,773,887 income year-to-date from CarolinaConnect. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Crepes for her report.

**OPERATIONS:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Wilbur for the Operations report. Mr. Wilbur reported the locations and the service district that the Mid-Carolina and Contractor crews worked in November. He then gave an update on the number of service orders that were processed by the Staking Technicians during the month. The right-of-way crews are still working in the New Chapin, Irmo, Lake Murray and Lexington areas. There were 131 dead trees cut during the month. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors have completed their work in the Old Chapin area, and they are now working in the New Chapin area. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Wilbur for his report.

**ENGINEERING:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Ayers for the Engineering report. Mr. Ayers reported that the routine inspection and maintenance was completed in November. He stated that maintenance was performed to correct anomalies detected by infrared inspections. Mr. Ayers stated the results of annual oil sample testing of all substation power transformers, tap changers, and voltage regulators have been reviewed. One voltage regulator had results that indicate an immediate resampling due to out of tolerance results. Mr. Ayers reviewed the fiber construction in subdivisions that is in progress and that has been completed.



Mr. Ayers then showed a chart graphing MWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2018-2022 with a five year running average. The next chart showed the MW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2018-2022 with a five year running average. The monthly outage report and notes for November were reviewed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Ayers for his report.

**MEMBER SERVICES:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson showed pictures of the Cooperative's participation in recent community events. He stated that the Touchstone Energy Scholarship, Washington Youth Tour, and the Youth Summit applications will be available from January 2, 2023 – March 3, 2023. Mr. Simpson called on Mr. Paulling to discuss the pictures of the Touchstone Energy Football Game held in Myrtle Beach, SC on December 10, 2022. Mr. Paulling showed a video and gave an overview of the experience the football players have for the couple of days leading up to the game.

Mr. Simpson gave a report on the Cooperative's social media engagement, and the quarterly schedule for the South Carolina Living magazine through the March 2023 issue. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Davidson for the Information Technology report. Mr. Davidson reported there were 37,581 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of December 1, 2022, which represents 63.3% of active accounts enrolled. He discussed the number of emails that the Cooperative received during the month of November, as well as how many emails were blocked. Mr. Davidson reported on upcoming projects, and he gave an update on Cyber Security. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Davidson for his report.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Ross-Bell for the Administration report. Mrs. Ross-Bell referred to the monthly Operation Round-Up report. In November, the Trust Board approved 9 applications out of 13 for a total distribution of \$22,907. The Trust Fund balance at the end of the month was \$19,518. She stated the quarterly attendance report for the Trust Board was in their meeting folders. Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed the Board calendars through February 2023. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Ross-Bell for her report.

## **AGENDA ITEM # 5**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for his report. Mr. Paulling reported there were no recordable accidents in November. There were two Line Technicians hired with a start date of January 4, 2023. There is still active recruitment for a part-time Custodian, and a Communications Manager. Mr. Paulling reported that a Dispatcher will retire on December 31, 2022, and his position was filled earlier in the year.

Mr. Paulling then presented a 2022 Look Back. He reviewed the highlights of things accomplished during each month of 2022.

Mr. Paulling presented the two 2023 McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. contracts for Board approval. One contract is for the annual general engineering services, and one is for emergency restoration services. Mr. Shealy made a motion for the Cooperative to use McCall-Thomas Engineering in 2023 pursuant to the proposed contracts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Risinger and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 2**

There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

**AGENDA ITEM # 6**

**LEGAL REPORT:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Black for the legal report. Mr. Black discussed several pending legal matters. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Black for his report.

**AGENDA ITEM # 7**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman Sox had nothing to report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 8**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no committee reports at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 9**

**ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS:** Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect's Board meeting was the day prior, and CarolinaConnect passed 22,000 customers on December 16, 2022. The projection is to install 200 customers per week in 2023.

Mr. Risinger reported that Central's next Board meeting will be held in January 2023.

Ms. Kirkland reported that CEEUS is doing well, and most everyone attended the ECSC Board Meeting at the Winter Conference in Greenville, SC earlier in the month.

Mr. Shealy reported that the ECSC Trustee Association met in Greenville, SC at the ECSC Winter Conference to discuss the 2023 Trustee Association Annual Meeting that will be held in May 2023.

Chairman Sox stated that Federated is doing well financially, but there is still concern about line contacts.

Mr. Paulling stated that everything is going well with the SC Power Team.

Several board members discussed the NRECA courses they attended at the ECSC Winter Conference earlier in the month. Everyone agreed that it was a good meeting. There were no other reports at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 10**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Sox called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Bedenbaugh to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

**AGENDA ITEM # 11**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no action taken during the brief executive session.

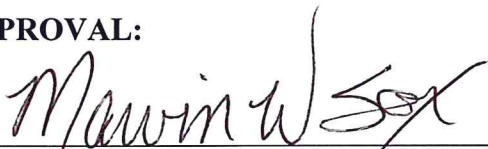
**AGENDA ITEM # 12**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**APPROVAL:**



Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman of the Board



**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on November 22, 2022; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes for the November 22, 2022 meeting, as presented.

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 2**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Paulling recommended that the Cooperative continue to secure necessary general engineering and emergency restoration services from McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Paulling presented to the Board of Trustees a proposed contract for the Electric System Design and Construction and a proposed contract for Emergency Restoration services with McCall-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. dated as of January 1, 2023, and recommended that both said contracts be approved and executed on behalf of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, after due consideration, the Board of Trustees concurs with Mr. Paulling's recommendation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the aforesaid contracts with McCall-Thomas Engineering Company, Inc. dated as of January 1, 2023, and the President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary